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For: CLAMPING APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION NOT LISTED ON
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International Search Report in corresponding International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/08630 dated October 14, 2003.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
(NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ONLY)**

JP 11-333649 A; JP 7-314270 A; and JP 8-155770 A are all mentioned in the International Search Report established in PCT/JP03/08630 of which this application is the U.S. National Stage. The relevancy of each document is identified on the Search Report.

In addition, with regard to JP 11-333649 A, an English translation of relevant parts of the documents is attached to the document as well as an English language abstract thereof.

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It is also desired to point out that, with regard to JP 11-333649 A, during an unclamping operation, the upper end face 87 of the piston 31 directly pushes against the bottom 45 of the pallet 9 (see figure 2 and paragraph 0033) whereby this document fails to show or teach a "transmission member" recited in the claims of this application.

The remaining cited documents listed on the PTO-1449 form are in the English language and the relevancy thereof is self-evident.

STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

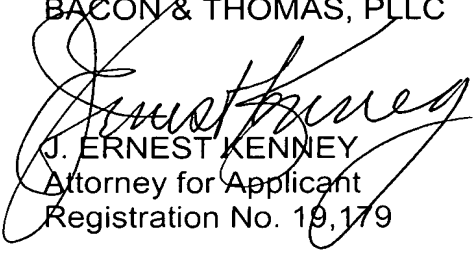
English language abstracts of the Japanese patent documents are submitted herewith to the extent available and an English translation of relevant portions of JP 11-333649 A is provided with the document.

STATEMENT OF TIMELINESS

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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